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2. Page 1, paragraph 1: Dzhusaly is located in the Kazakh SSR.
On page 2, paragraph 4, read Berkazan for Byer-Kazan.

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1. AIRDROME AT DZHUSALY /N 45-28, E 64-057 TURKMEN SSR:

[redacted] Regimental Officer, Lt. LEONOV [redacted] returned
 to duty station in SovZone, Austria, from furlough in USSR in
 October 1953 [redacted] he was compelled to wait for eight hours
 for a plane at Dzhusaly airdrome. Lt. LEONOV boarded a two-motor
 transport plane at Moscow, stopped at Dzhusaly airdrome for eight
 hours, then proceeded to Tashkent. [redacted]

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2. RAILROAD BRIDGE AT SARATOV:

[redacted]
 The bridge was located southeast of Saratov.
 The railroad over the bridge was single-track. Trains were stopped
 at approaches, fire boxes were checked by railroad guards "to see
 that no live coals would fall on wooden bridge". [redacted]
 this bridge was a "temporary" wooden bridge). Train was delayed
 10 minutes, then moved across very slowly.

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[redacted] bridge as over one kilometer long; [redacted] estimated
 bridge clearance over Volga River as "at least 10 m.;" [redacted]
 at least 10-15 passenger cars [redacted] bridge could support

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3. RAILROAD TUNNEL NEAR DZHAMBUL /N 42-55, E 71-23/:

Annex A, [redacted] Chatkal'skiy Range
 pinpointed location of subject tunnel:

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Point # 1. DzhambulPoint # 2. Railroad Station Maymak, 30 km. from Dzhambul

Point # 3. Tunnel. Tunnel was approximately one-half kilometer long. Walls of tunnel were constructed of cemented stone. Train passed through tunnel at 40 km. per hour, took one minute to get through. Approaches were guarded by armed MVD railroad guards. Tunnel was arched, had five meter overhead clearance. Tunnel was cut into the side of a hill approximately five kilometers beyond Maymak railroad station, Point 2, in the direction of Chinkent /N 42-18, E 69-36/.

Point # 4. Single railroad track to Chinkent4. INUNDATION OF KZYL-ORDA /N 44-48, E 65-28/ AREA IN FEBRUARY 1949:

[redacted] the Tashkent Infantry Officers' School 400 students were alerted, ran five kilometers to Tashkent railroad station, and entrained for Kzyl-Orda for damming up a river break-through which inundated Kzyl-Orda. Train stopped at railroad station Byer-Kazan, 20 km. from Kzyl Orda. As soon as the students detrained, they were put to work filling bags (dropped by aircraft) with earth. Water was already in the streets of Kzyl-Orda when they arrived.

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[redacted] 10,000 troops in Kzyl-Orda area engaged in building earth-works southeast of this city. Damming the overflow of the Syr-Dar'ya river lasted 10 days. The surrounding terrain was flat. See Annex B which shows extent of inundation. Cause of flooding was break through of Syr-Dar'ya river through unfinished section of canal. The canal was separated from river by an earth dam. Canal mouth was located near Byer-Kazan' railroad station.

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[redacted] this event was never published in Soviet newspapers.

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Annexes:

- A. [redacted] CHATKAL'SKIY RANGE, Pinpoint Location of
 RR Tunnel
- B. [redacted] ARAL'SKOYE Sea, inundation of Kzyl-Orda
 Area.

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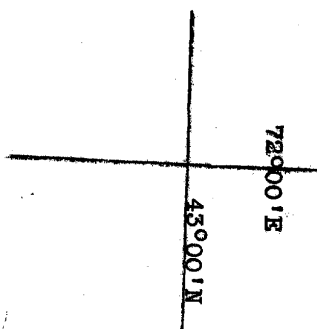
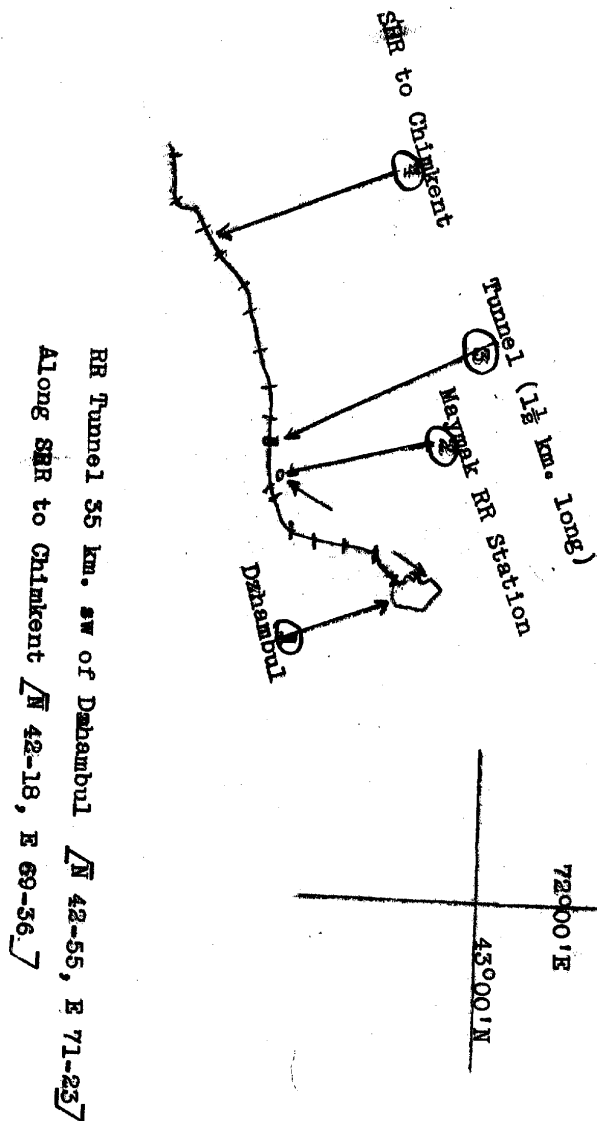
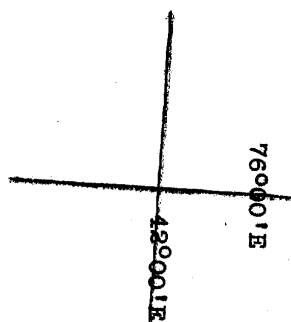
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Annex A: Chatkal'skiy Range,
Pinpoint Location of RR Tunnel

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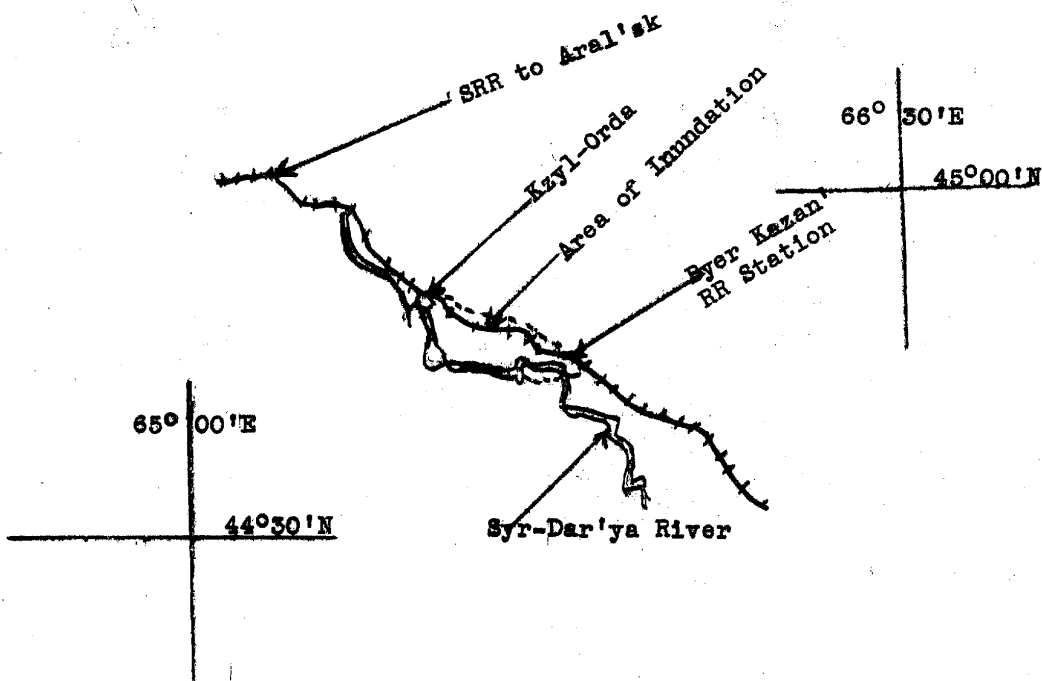
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Annex B:

Aral'skoye Sea,
Inundation of Kzyl-Orda \angle N 44-48, E 65-287 Area

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